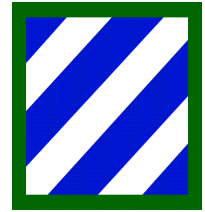


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Sustainment Brigade colors return home after 15-month Iraq deployment

FORT STEWART, Ga. (Aug. 16, 2008) – The colors of the 3rd Infantry Division's Sustainment Brigade returned during an early morning welcome home ceremony today at Cottrell Field here.

The brigade commander, Col. Darrell Williams, and 150 Sustainment Brigade Soldiers were greeted by about 250 friends and family at the ceremony. The brigade is returning home after a 15-month deployment to northern Iraq where it provided logistics support for 25th Infantry and 1st Armor division units.

Third Infantry Division commander, Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, welcomed the Soldiers home and expressed his pride in their accomplishments in the Global War on Terrorism.

"You were the muscle that pumped the life into the combat units of Iraq," Cucolo said. "Standing before you is an incredibly proud division, incredibly proud community, and family members who have waited oh-so-too-long. We are glad to have you back."

About 220 Sustainment Brigade Soldiers returned in previous welcome home ceremonies held earlier this month.